GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TRADE TALKS WITH VIETNAM
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to expand trade relations with Vietnam;

(b) if so, the areas in which Indo-Vietnam trade relations proposed to be expanded;

(c) whether any joint discussion on expansion of Indo-Vietnam trade was held with the Vietnam delegation when it visited New Delhi last; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINSTRY COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI)

(a) to (d) : Both India and Vietnam have, on several occasions, expressed intention to further strengthen and expand bilateral trade relations at forums such as India-Vietnam Joint Commission and the private sector India-Vietnam Joint Business CouncilAreas identified for expansion of trade during various inter-actions include iron & steel, two-wheelers, tyres & tubes, auto ancillaries, pharmaceuticals, locomotives, IT products, etc. for exports from India and non-ferrous metals, natural rubber, wooden furniture, handicraft items, construction materials, tea, rock phosphates, crude oil, coal, etc. for import from Vietnam.

A delegation led by Vice President of Vietnam visited India from 17-19th March 2002.The programme of the Vice President of Vietnam included meetings with President, Prime Minister, External Affairs Minister and Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas.There was also a business meeting organized by FICCI.During discussions trade and commercial relations were touched up in general terms only.